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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re:

Connect America Fund; Sandwich Isles Section 214 Authorization; Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. Petition for Waiver of the Definition of "Study Area" Contained in Part 36, Appendix-Glossary and Sections 36.611 and 69.2(hh) of the Commission's Rules, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 16-405, and CC Docket No. 96-45: Acknowledgments of Confidentiality

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the procedures outlined in the *Sandwich Isles Protective Order*¹ adopted in the above-referenced proceedings, attached are Acknowledgments of Confidentiality executed by Christopher Shenk, Kyle Fiet, and Alec Weingart of Sidley Austin LLP, outside counsel for AT&T. These Acknowledgments are submitted in order to access Confidential and Highly Confidential Information submitted in the above referenced dockets. These individuals are not involved in "competitive decision-making" as defined in the protective order.²

Please contact me if you have any questions.

¹ Sandwich Isles Protective Order, Connect America Fund; Sandwich Isles Section 214 Authorization; Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. Petition for Waiver of the Definition of "Study Area" Contained in Part 36, Appendix-Glossary and Sections 36.611 and 69.2(hh) of the Commission's Rules, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 16-405, and CC Docket No. 96-45 (rel. March 13, 2017) ("Sandwich Isles Protective Order").

² See Sandwich Isles Protective Order ¶ 4.



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Respectfully,	
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APPENDIX B

Acknowledgment of Confidentiality

WC Docket No. 10-90, CC Docket No. 96-45, and WC Docket No. 16-405

I am seeking access to [] only Confidential Information or [X] Confidential and Highly Confidential Information.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of the foregoing Sandwich Isles Protective Order in the above-captioned proceedings, and I understand it.

I agree that I am bound by the Sandwich Isles Protective Order and that I shall not disclose or use Stamped Confidential Documents, Stamped Highly Confidential Documents, Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information except as allowed by the Sandwich Isles Protective Order.

I acknowledge that a violation of the Sandwich Isles Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Federal Communications Commission. I further acknowledge that the Commission retains its full authority to fashion appropriate sanctions for violations of this Sandwich Isles Protective Order, including but not limited to suspension or disbarment of Counsel or Consultants from practice before the Commission, forfeitures, cease and desist orders, and denial of further access to Confidential or Highly Confidential Information in this or any other Commission proceeding.

I acknowledge that nothing in the Protective Order limits any other rights and remedies available to a Submitting Party at law or in equity against me if I use Confidential or Highly Confidential Information in a manner not authorized by this Protective Order.

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Executed this 20th day of March, 2017.

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